

be deemed to have waived its right to utilize such procedures, unless good cause is shown for the failure to file the petition within the 30-day period. The use of subpart L procedures by an intervenor whose petition was filed beyond such 30-day period will in no event be allowed, if, in the opinion of the presiding officer, such use will result in delaying the proceeding unduly.

(e) If intervention is granted before or at a prehearing conference convened for the purpose of considering matters relating to discovery, the intervenor's discovery matters may also be considered at that time, and may be limited under the provisions of paragraph (c) of this section.

(f) A form of petition for leave to intervene is set forth in Exhibit No. 3 to this subpart. [Rule 72.]

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§ 502.73 Motions.

(a) In any docketed proceeding, an application or request for an order or ruling not otherwise specifically provided for in this part shall be by motion. After the assignment of a presiding officer to a proceeding and before the issuance of his or her recommended or initial decision, all motions shall be addressed to and ruled upon by the presiding officer unless the subject matter of the motion is beyond his or her authority, in which event the matter shall be referred to the Commission. If the proceeding is not before the presiding officer, motions shall be designated as "petitions" and shall be addressed to and passed upon by the Commission.

(b) Motions shall be in writing, except that a motion made at a hearing shall be sufficient if stated orally upon the record, unless the presiding officer directs that it be reduced to writing.

(c) All written motions shall state clearly and concisely the purpose of and the relief sought by the motion, the statutory or principal authority relied upon, and the facts claimed to constitute the grounds requiring the relief requested; and shall conform with the requirements of subpart H of this part.

(d) Oral argument upon a written motion may be permitted at the discretion of the presiding officer or the Commission, as the case may be.

(e) A repetitious motion will not be entertained. [Rule 73.]

§ 502.74 Replies to pleadings, motions, applications, etc.

(a)(1) Except as provided under subpart V of this part, a reply to a reply is not permitted.

(2) Except as otherwise provided respecting answers (§ 502.64), shortened procedure (subpart K of this part), briefs (§ 502.221), exceptions (§ 502.227), replies to petitions for attorney fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act (§ 502.503(b)(1)), and the documents specified in paragraph (b) of this section, any party may file and serve a reply to any written motion, pleading, petition, application, etc., permitted under this part within fifteen (15) days after the date of service thereof, unless a shorter period is fixed under § 502.103.

(b) When time permits, replies also may be filed to protests seeking suspension of tariffs (§ 502.67), applications for enlargement of time and postponement of hearing (subpart G of this part), and motions to take depositions (§ 502.201).

(c) Replies shall be in writing, shall be verified if verification of original pleading is required, shall be so drawn as to fully and completely advise the parties and the Commission as to the nature of the defense, shall admit or deny specifically and in detail each material allegation of the pleading answered, shall state clearly and concisely the facts and matters of law relied upon, and shall conform to the requirements of subpart H of this part. [Rule 74.]

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§ 502.75 Proceedings involving assessment agreements.

(a) In complaint proceedings involving assessment agreements filed under the fifth paragraph of section 15 of the Shipping Act, 1916, or section 5(d) of the Shipping Act of 1984, the Notice of Filing of Complaint and Assignment will specify a date before which the initial decision will be issued, which date will be not more than eight months from the date the complaint was filed.

(b) Any party to a proceeding conducted under this section who desires